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## Please add new claims 9 and 10 as follows:

9. (New) The rubber stopper set forth in claim 1 wherein the heating of the stopper is achieved by a thermal history in use of the rubber stopper.



10. (New) The waterproof connector set forth in claim 7 wherein the heating of the rubber stopper is achieved by a thermal history in use of the rubber stopper.